

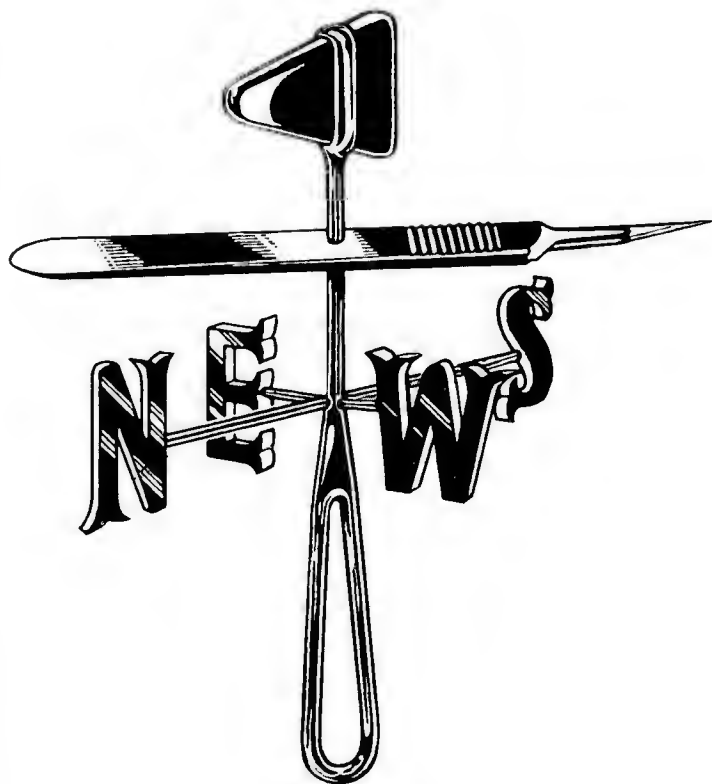
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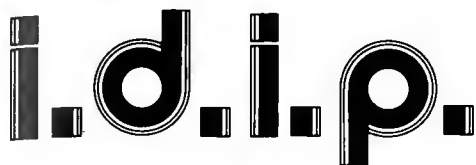
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From the Desk of the President



"WHO SAID IT WOULD BE EASY"

During the past several years, the Mahoning County Medical Society, our medical society, has been engaged in a legal confrontation with an adversary whose sole desire seems to be the subversion of our organization. To date our society has withstood this diabolical onslaught, which, now that the end is near, will not produce a clear cut victor nor a clear cut loser. There will be deep scars, although invisible, present in our society, its members, and of course its function. Our adversary will also not go unscathed, since he will not succeed in accomplishing that which he had set out to accomplish. However, this war, we are hopeful, will soon be terminated.

Our energies now must turn to other problems which confront our society. There is the ever present problem of inflation and its effect on medicine. The President of our country has committed his energies to keep the cost of medical care from escalating, whether on an individual basis or in a collective manner.

The ever present problem of the care of the indigent is still with us. The fact is that politicians and members of the news media are constantly screaming that they are not being treated properly, and we, the physicians, are finding ourselves as the scapegoat. Perhaps we should converge our energies to this problem so that it truly may be resolved to the satisfaction of the patient, the physician, and to those enthusiastic individuals who are screaming the loudest. To accomplish this end however, we must constantly resist these forces which are trying to tell us, "What to do, How to do it, and When to do it." We do know, however, that to accomplish this end - - - will not be easy.

—D. J. DALLIS, M.D., *President*



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Editorial

HELLO, HOW'S MY IMAGE?

The other day I passed a physician in the hallway who once again walked past me and several other people without returning a hello. Since it is a daily occurrence with this person to ignore a hallway greeting, my first impression was that he projected a "bad image" as a physician. On careful thought, however, I questioned what the importance of such a projected image might be. Should he try to convey a smiling appearance and be pretentious, or should he portray his more natural aloof disposition which, our psychiatrist colleagues tell us, is healthier. Public presentation and fear of criticism has become progressively less important in the past twenty years. The individual has become desensitized to the need for an image.

On a group scale, a diminished view of physicians has also led to many concrete changes in the style of medicine. Second opinions, more patient information distribution, and calculated interactions between physician and patient have become part of daily practice. Whereas the traditional role of the physician projected him as knowing more than he probably did, the current estimation seems to undercut his knowledge. At a time when we are experiencing a medical knowledge explosion, the coordinator of that knowledge, the physician, is doubted more than he ever has been.

Now that government heat has been taken off the private practice of medicine with the new President's administration, there is time for the doctor's image to be cleaned up. Perhaps through well directed efforts the esteem of private practice can be regained.

For example, more intense examination of medical society's interaction with the non-medical aspects of the community must be done. Perhaps active solicitation at speaking engagements, community medical projects, and more events with non-medical professions, would be initial steps to better expose the medical skills and concerns that exist in the community. Further, the State specialty societies and national medical societies should attempt to publicize our positive attitudes. Medicine's association with the scientific method, intellectual honesty, rapid advancement of our technology, and concern for the public should be reemphasized via news media and transmitted communications. The attempts should not be to make medicine look like something it is not but rather to update the public on the services that

can be provided on a community level. Physicians are necessarily such a diverse group that no campaign to convince people that they are a bunch of nice guys applied to medicine would ever or should ever work. Positive action at the society level is necessary to update the public's knowledge of us so they can make sounder judgment.

As the society attempts to address the problem, the individual should also try to bolster his esteem with the public. Little gestures may be cumulative. For example, a polite "hello" to a passerby in the hallway might be a way to convey a friendly physician image. On one hand it might be argued, how could this help the individual and all of medicine? On the other hand—it could be challenged — would it hurt?

—RICHARD A. MEMO, M.D.

In Memoriam

ELMER J. WENAAS, M.D.

1899 - 1981

Dr. Elmer J. Wenaas, 81, former president of the Mahoning County Medical Society, died Wednesday, March 4 in Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, Florida, after a one-week illness. He was an ophthalmologist.

Dr. Wenaas was the first doctor to perform an operation to correct glaucoma and cataracts simultaneously.

He was born in Mayville, N.D. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota and his medical degree from George Washington University. He served his internship at Ancon General Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone. He came to Youngstown in 1927 and joined a general practice with four other doctors. In 1929 he began an ophthalmology residency in New York and in 1932 was associated for a year with a doctor in St. Paul, Minn.

He returned to Youngstown in 1935 and practiced medicine until his retirement in 1976. He was chairman of the Ohio State Ophthalmologic Society in 1951. In 1958, he went around the world to demonstrate and lecture on his surgical techniques. When he returned, he organized a national project to furnish cataract lenses for Pakistan, India and Ecuador. He served on the S.S. Hope in 1963 and was president of the New York Eye and Ear Hospital Alumni Association. He was on the staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center for 25 years and was honored for a half-century of service by the Mahoning County Medical Society in 1974.

Dr. Wenaas was a diplomate and examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology, instructor for the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He was a golfing enthusiast and a member of the Youngstown Country Club, the Youngstown Club, Rockwell Trout Club, Rotary, Elks and various Masonic organizations.

NO MAY ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN

The next issue of the *Bulletin* will be in June. There will be no issue published in May. The *Bulletin* is published nine months of the year, with no issues in May, July and August.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**March 10, 1981**

The regular meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, March 10, 1981 at the Youngstown Club.

The treasurer reported 30 members have not paid their dues and that a letter will be mailed to them asking payment by March 31. The names of those who haven't paid was available so personal contact can be made.

The treasurer reported 14 doctors have sponsored 21 residents as member of OSMA.

Four communications concerning the D.O./M.D. degree designation were read and the council agreed there is nothing that can be done by the Mahoning County Medical Society that would allow D.O. degree holders to designate themselves as M.D. degree holders and that the problems must be resolved at the State level.

A letter was read from OSMA citing the need of the Industrial Commission for consulting Otolologists in this area. Council instructed the Executive Director to notify physicians with that specialty of the Industrial Commission's need.

A letter from OSMA was read concerning the shortage of physicians on the east side of Youngstown and Mahoning County. The council directed the Executive Director to send a copy of the letter to the medical directors of the Youngstown hospitals.

A letter was read from Republic Steel regarding the firm's Employee Prevailing Fee Inquiry program, in which employees are encouraged to discuss fees with their physician prior to medical service. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a letter to Republic Steel stating the physicians are compelled by law not to try to set fees, that the patient is responsible for payment of fees and that the AMA has always supported a policy of having patients discuss fees with their physicians.

Dr. Anderson gave a report on the lawsuit and the reaction of OSMA to the consent decree. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the counsel for Mahoning County Medical Society prepare a resolution of acceptance of the consent decree that will be presented to the membership at the March 24 meeting of the Society and that the defendants meet with counsel prior to the March 24 meeting if the attorneys feel it is necessary.

Dr. Shorr presented a Scholarship Dinner report. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the administrator of Cardinal Mooney High School be contacted and asked to provide the names of the top senior class students and that the scholarship committee choose two from that list to invite to the dinner.

A request was presented from the representative of the Blue Cross plan for a chance to speak to Council but the members decided not to have anyone speak on insurance until other quotes have been received from other companies.

Dr. Sovik and Dr. Anderson reported on the Sixth District Caucus held Feb. 26 at Rootstown.

Dr. Jacobson, rehabilitation committee chairman, presented two recommendations that were approved and will be presented to the Society meeting for membership approval.

Appointment of a new member of Council was delayed until the April meeting of Council.

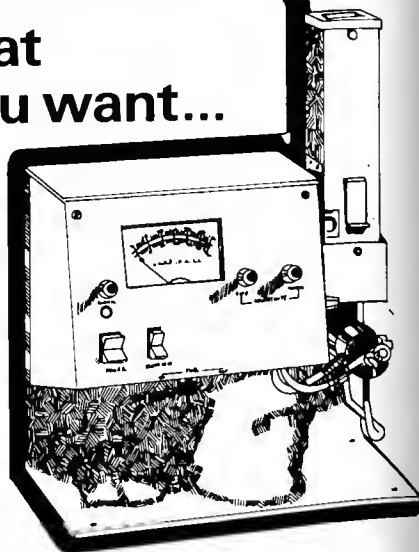
Council approved a request for permission to refurbish the Society's office by painting, papering and installation of carpeting.

Dr. Dallis made a number of announcements. He noted the members of the Society's Medical-Legal committee have been appointed to a Joint Conference Committee of the Mahoning County Bar Association. He announced OSMA is making membership in OSMA and AMA available to

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house staff physicians for a one-time application fee of \$5. He noted reservations for the May meeting of OSMA in Cleveland should be made. He announced OSMA is interested in anyone having medical equipment for sale. He noted there will be a Sixth District Caucus at 2 p.m. April 22 at Congress Lake. He reported a card of thanks from the family of Dr. Weidenmeir.

Under good of the order, Dr. Anderson requested copies of *ALL* communications be mailed to Council members prior to the meeting if possible.

SOCIETY CONCURS ON CONSENT DECREE

The main business at the March 24 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society centered on the consent decree and the resolution prepared by counsel that affirms the agreement by the Council and the defendants.

The membership approved the resolution after counsel explained that there is still much work to be done to finalize the lawsuit.

The resolution, as approved, reads:

WHEREAS, the case of *William J. Brown, Attorney General vs. Mahoning County Medical Society, et al*, Case No. C76-178Y, is currently pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, after extensive negotiations conducted at the request of the presiding Judge, counsel for the Mahoning County Medical Society (the "Society") have tentatively agreed (subject to certain conditions, including approval by the Society and by the four individual physician Defendants) with the Attorney General of the State of Ohio to a Consent Decree (the "proposed Consent Decree") which would obviate the necessity for further expensive litigation, and which would, in the opinion of Counsel, substantially protect the constitutional rights of the Society and its members without prohibiting conduct not otherwise prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, final approval of the proposed Consent Decree by the Attorney General is contingent upon approval by *all* of the Defendants (including, with some modifications, by the Defendant hospitals); and

WHEREAS, the four individual physician Defendants have indicated their willingness to approve the proposed Consent Decree, subject to final approval by the Society; and

WHEREAS, Council of the Society has, subject to the specific condition hereinafter set forth, recommended the approval of the proposed Consent Decree, in order to resolve this costly and vexatious litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND COUNSEL ARE INSTRUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

That the proposed Consent Decree, *a copy of which is attached hereto*, be approved by the Society and signed by Counsel, subject to the condition that no payment of monies be required of the Society or of the individual physician Defendants by the Attorney General as a condition of settlement.

Two recommendations by the Rehabilitation Committee were tabled until some clarification on their impact could be determined by seeking a legal opinion. There was considerable discussion prior to the tabling of the recommendations.

Dr. Goldberg presented some information concerning the G.C. Program and explained a charges for the service.

Dr. Dallis, president, presided at the meeting, which was attended by a number of wives of members. Special announcement included the announcement the next meeting of the Society will be May 26, following the May 17-20 annual OSMA meeting in Cleveland.

1981 ROSTER OF SCHOLARS

The 15th annual Mahoning County Medical Society Scholarship Dinner was held April 9, 1981 and this is the list of the scholars honored at that event.

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OSMA MEETING IN MAY

The 1981 OSMA annual meeting will be held May 16-20 in Cleveland, Ohio. The Stouffer's Inn on the Square in downtown Cleveland has been designated the OSMA headquarters hotel.

The complete program for the meeting is published in the March issue of the Ohio State Medical Journal. The Saturday, May 16 meetings are specialized and of limited interest to most members. Official registration takes place Sunday, May 17 and the House of Delegates will meet Sunday night. Resolutions Committees meet Monday morning and anyone is allowed to attend and have a say in the proceedings. To many at the meeting, these sessions of the Resolutions Committees are the most interesting part of the event. The Mahoning County delegation urges all of our members to stop in at one of the committee rooms to see what goes on in the business portion of the Association's meeting. There are three resolutions committees again this year.

The annual meeting will conclude with the final meeting of the House of Delegates beginning at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and continuing, with a break for dinner, until the final business is accomplished. Thursday the delegates will travel back to their homes.

DR. BRUCOLI ELECTED FELLOW

Dr. John N. Brucoli, a staff member of the Youngstown Hospital Association, has been elected a fellow in the American College of Orthopedic Surgeons.

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Although the staff assigned to the program has been reduced over the years and the laboratory relocated to Youngstown University it has been possible to maintain this service, up to this point.

Reduced funding levels have necessitated a corresponding decrease in the number of providers whose positivity rate dropped below 2%. However, the major impetus of the program continues to be with the private physicians.

Funds available in 1977 were \$21,376, in 1980 were \$9,000 and in 1981 are proposed at \$9,300.

In response to the cut in funds, positive steps were taken to insure continuation of the program. Recently, the Board of Health approved the use of a CETA-funded courier to provide pick-up service and to return reports, with no additional financial burden on the program. Also, a \$5 initial charge per patient was instituted at the Board's VD Control Clinic in South Side Hospital. This action was taken to generate needed revenue which is deposited directly into the Gonorrhea Control Fund.

However, \$1,865 was collected from July 1980 through December 1980, an amount insufficient to meet financial obligations incurred by the laboratory technician. Also, the CETA courier was terminated March 27 and will not be replaced. Finally, the State Health Department will no longer provide modified Thayer-Martin Culture media free of charge.

To offset these developments and save the program, a cost study was made and a plate charge considered. It was determined a charge of \$6 would be sufficient to cover the following:

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- Continuation of the courier service.

- Presumptive diagnosis in the laboratory.

- A confirmed test where necessary.

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If one Doctor sees one case of a reportable disease it may not be an epidemic. But if 20 Doctors each see one case of the same disease then it may well be epidemic.

If an outbreak of Hepatitis were to occur and only a few Physicians reported within the time frame required by the State law, the investigation by the Health Department could be delayed enough to expose others to the disease unnecessarily.

This may have been the case in early 1980, when Health Department investigations revealed 25 cases of Hepatitis tied to one outbreak.

Personnel in the Health Department, as individuals, rely on physicians

in matters of personal health for diagnosis and treatment of diseases, and as a Health Department, charged with protecting Public Health, they rely on their case reports to protect the health of the public at large by attempting to limit the spread of those diseases.

It is for this reason we are asking for increased vigilance on the part of all physicians to be our eyes in the community and help us to protect our friends, neighbors and all who live in our community.

BUREAUCRATIC LOGIC?

An interesting - if not unlikely - analogy was submitted recently by a Kansas City physician, John K. Layle, M.D. He proposed that if some of the bureaucratic logic were transferred from HEW to the Department of Housing and Urban Development we might see bathrooms treated as CAT scanners. Dr. Layle elaborates:

"First, we would see dazzling government statistics showing there is a nationwide profligacy which is 'skyrocketing' already intolerable housing costs; for example:

1. The average person uses the bathroom only about one hour in each twenty-four. Therefore, they would say, less than twelve people per bathroom is clearly an unconscionable extravagance.

2. We have more bathrooms in Kansas City (Los Angeles?) than in the entire country of Afghanistan!

3. There are 67,656,566 bathrooms in the United States, at least 51 million more than we actually need. At installation and maintenance costs of about \$5,000 each, we would save \$225 billion just by cutting out the excess. That would pay the President's salary for the next two million years!

"These statistics would lead to 'guidelines'. It is un-American to build more than two houses per block with bathrooms. The other houses can share.

"An HSA-like 'Planning Agency' would be created to force errant homebuilders into compliance with the guidelines. As with the CATs, the Planning Agency will assert: 'Most people do not really need bathrooms; they just want them as status symbols.'

"People wanting bathrooms will, like hospitals, have to submit 'Certificate of Need' forms which will be processed with agonizing slowness because, like HSAs, the Planning Agency will claim it needs additional funding.

"Neighbor will be pitted against neighbor, just as hospitals are now, competing to see who on the block will be allowed to have a bathroom.

"Homebuilders who, like the hospitals, try to satisfy their customers' needs in spite of such coercion, will be publicly castigated for their 'public-be-damned attitude.'"

HEADS CANCER COMMITTEE

Dr. Frances A. Miller has been named head of the service and rehabilitation committee of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Thomas N. Detesco will lead the professional education committee for the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society's Symposium for professionals, dentists, nurses and other health personnel will be April 25 at Youngstown State University.

STARTING YOUR PRACTICE WORKSHOPS

Two-day workshops for physicians-in-training, or in academic medicine, are being offered for those planning to enter private practice. The AMA-sponsored workshops offer immediate, useful information about the business procedures and practical problems involved in establishing a medical practice.

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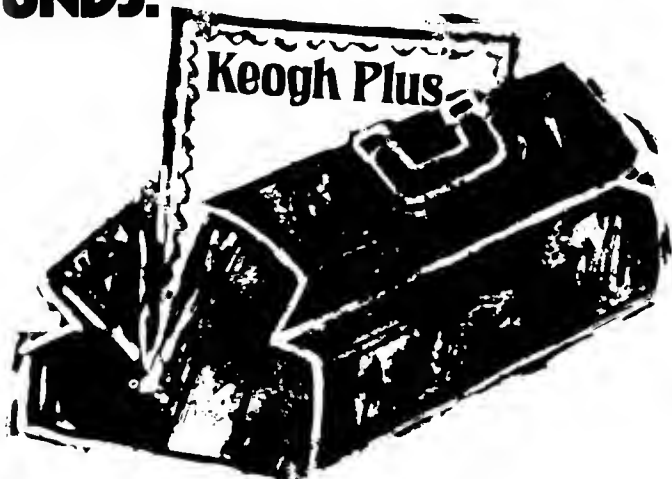
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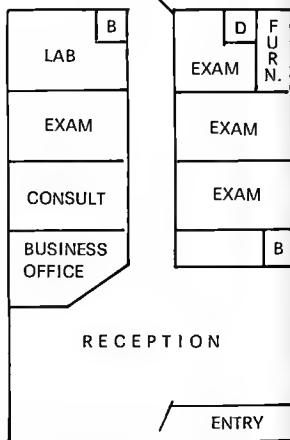
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FIFTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1931

Some famous sayings of Youngstown doctors:

"Some men use brains to take the place of education, but education will never make up for the lack of brains." — Harry A. Patrick, early obstetrician.

"Be true to your teeth or they will be false to you." — Frank Greer prominent dentist.

"Lugol's solution to the patient with toxic goitre is like morphine in the acute abdomen." — C. R. Clark, internist.

"You can't pull a muskellunge through a minnow incision." — W. H. Buechner, surgeon of the old school.

"The urologist has a great deal of curiosity. He is always trying to find out what makes it run." — A. W. Thomas, pediatrician.

The Youngstown Vindicator reported that cases of diphtheria had been reduced 76% and deaths 56% by simple injection of toxin-anti-toxin (no toxoid then) to children in the schools.

President Arthur Thomas said that public medical education should start in childhood. Immunization should start at 6 months of age and not wait until school age.

FORTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1941

In those days April was synonymous with Post-Graduate Day. Later on when it became a Sixth District project it was changed to October but then the spring days were marked by feverish activity. It was traditional that it never (well, hardly ever) rained. Doctors would come from Pennsylvania, East Liverpool, Akron, Canton and all over, attracted by big names on the program.

That year we had William S. Middleton, Joseph Gale, Elmer L. Severinghaus and Ralph M. Waters from the University of Wisconsin. They gave papers on "Endocrine Therapy", "Empyema", "Shock", "Anesthesiology" and "Thoracic Surgery". Sessions at the Hotel Ohio lasted all day and a great crowd turned out. It was the 14th in our series of Post-Graduate Days.

The roster of guests rivaled the names of the speakers in prominence. William S. McElroy, Dean of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, M. A. Blankenhorn from University of Cincinnati, C. A. Doan from Ohio State University, Roy W. Scott from Western Reserve, Jonathan Forman from Columbus, Harry Poryzek from Cleveland and Barney Hein from Toledo were here for the day.

Some of those who couldn't make it for the meeting were Asher Randell at Fort Bragg, M. H. Steinberg at Camp Shelby, Samuel Goldberg at Camp Davis, Samuel Epstein at Fort Jackson and Ivan Smith at Carlisle Barracks.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1951

President Wenaas commented on the growing pressure of demands on doctors and gave a few rules to help them serve their patients not only better but longer. He recommended first that they should train themselves not to be upset by the trivial annoyances that crop up during a day's work. Second, not to take problems home and worry about them, and third, to develop a relaxing hobby or hobbies both for indoors and outdoors. Good advice.

Capt. Louis Bloomberg reported to active duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

One hundred sixty girls from Mahoning County high schools were entertained at a style show and tea by the Auxiliary. Mrs. Morris Rosenblum headed the committee which raised a substantial amount for the Nurses

Scholarship Fund. Mrs. W. H. Evans was president and Mrs. J. D. Brown the social chairman.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1961

Dr. Paul Fuzy died. He was a fine proctologist and some of our present star gazers served as residents under him. He established the "Cotton Tail Club".

Steve Ondash published the first issue of the *Bulletin* of the Staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The medical radio program "Consultation, Please" performed its 100th broadcast. Bill Flynn was President of the Ohio Division of the American Cancer Society. D. W. Metcalf was President of the Ohio State Society of Anesthesiologists, Stephen Ondash was President of the Ohio State Surgical Association and Arthur Rappoport was President of the Ohio Society of Pathologists. Mahoning County was doing quite well in Ohio medical affairs.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital established a new cardio-vascular department for open-heart surgery. Edmund A. Massullo and Angelo Riberi headed the surgical team. Leonard Caccamo and Elias Saadi were in charge of the medical division.

Dick Murray was presented with a Civic Improvement Award for his new office building on Glenwood Avenue.

TEN YEARS AGO — APRIL 1971

Dr. John McDonough received the humanitarian plaque for 1970 from the Fraternal Order of Eagles for his contributions and service in behalf of the Hospital Ship S.S. Hope.

Dr. Jose L. Garcia Oller, founder of the Council of Medical Staffs, was the speaker for the April meeting and related the details of his fight against HEW plans to shorten the average patient's hospital stay by one day. (Since then the government forced the Blue Cross - Blue Shield system to do it for them.)

Local history was made by the Mahoning County Medical Society when a constitutional change was passed unanimously to permit osteopathic physicians to become members of the Society. The Society then promptly elected to intern-resident membership, six physician house officers of St. Elizabeth Hospital: namely, Ronald Aiello, Robert Bakondy, Gary Courter, David Dortin, Jr., Porfirio Lozano, Jr., and James Thesing.

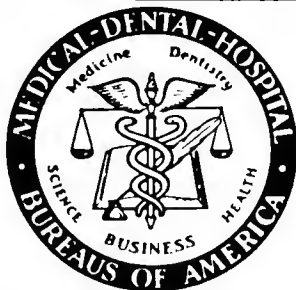
The Annual Post-Graduate Day underwent another metamorphosis and came out as the Annual Post-Graduate Day Cancer Symposium. This placed it once again in April, and this year it was held at St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing. Speakers for the day were Dr. Joseph Strawitz, Dr. Dane R. Boggs, Dr. Wm. Regelson, Dr. Larry Pass and Dr. Stephen Carter.

Another constitutional amendment was passed at the April meeting, reducing the 10 Society meetings per year to 6. This limited Society meetings to January, March, May, September, November, and December. It was hoped that fewer meetings would mean better attendance. It was a false hope.

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DR. LOWRY RE-ELECTED CHIEF OF STAFF

Marshall E. Lowry, D.O. has been re-elected chief of the Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital Medical Staff. He has been a staff member for 14 years and a board member for two years. He is an Active member of the Mahoning County Medical Society.



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